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Re: City of Avondale Comments on West Van Buren WQARF Site proposed Roosevelt Irrigation District Early Response Action Work Plan

Dear Ms. Thies:

City of Avondale staff has had the opportunity to review materials prepared for the proposed Roosevelt Irrigation District Groundwater Response Action and comments on these materials submitted by various interested parties.

Because the Roosevelt Irrigation District is adjacent to our city limits, we are very interested in any proposed remediation efforts related to the West Van Buren WQARF site. We support activities that will promote achievement and maintenance of safe drinking water supplies and also support activities designed to promote wise and prudent water management. Avondale would very much like to participate in stakeholder activities related to this remediation effort and recommends that you choose a course that will allow for optimal stakeholder participation, including development and distribution of information and alternative proposals to all interested parties for their review, consideration and comment. For these reasons, Avondale respectfully recommends that the Department of Environmental Quality follow the standard WQARF process for the West Van Buren site.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on the Early Response Action Work Plan.

Sincerely,

Robin Stinnett

Water Resources Planning Manager

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